

Holiday Classic tourney starts Saturday

By Greg Stover

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High school wrestling fans can see plenty of action starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, as the Cowboy's Holiday Classic tournament kicks off at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The 10 teams will be divided into two pools: Pool A comprises Goodland, Chapman, Norton, Ulysses and Hill City. Pool B has Burlington, Holton, Hoxie, Leoti and Scott City.

"I think there will be excellent competition at the tournament," Cowboys Coach Randy Bahe said. "Some really good teams are participating and some exciting matches will take place."

Each team will face every other team in its pool during one of five preliminary rounds at one of four mat locations on the main floor of the fieldhouse. The Cowboys will be on Mat 1 for all four of their rounds starting at 8 a.m. against Hill City.

The Cowboys take on Chapman in Round 2 starting about 9:30 a.m., Norton for Round 3 about 11 a.m. and Ulysses for Round 5 about 2:30 p.m.

The final round will begin at 4:30 with the top teams from both pools facing each other on Mat 1, with the No. 2 teams from each pool on Mat 2 progressing down, in the same pattern, to the No. 5 teams, which will compete in the junior high gym.

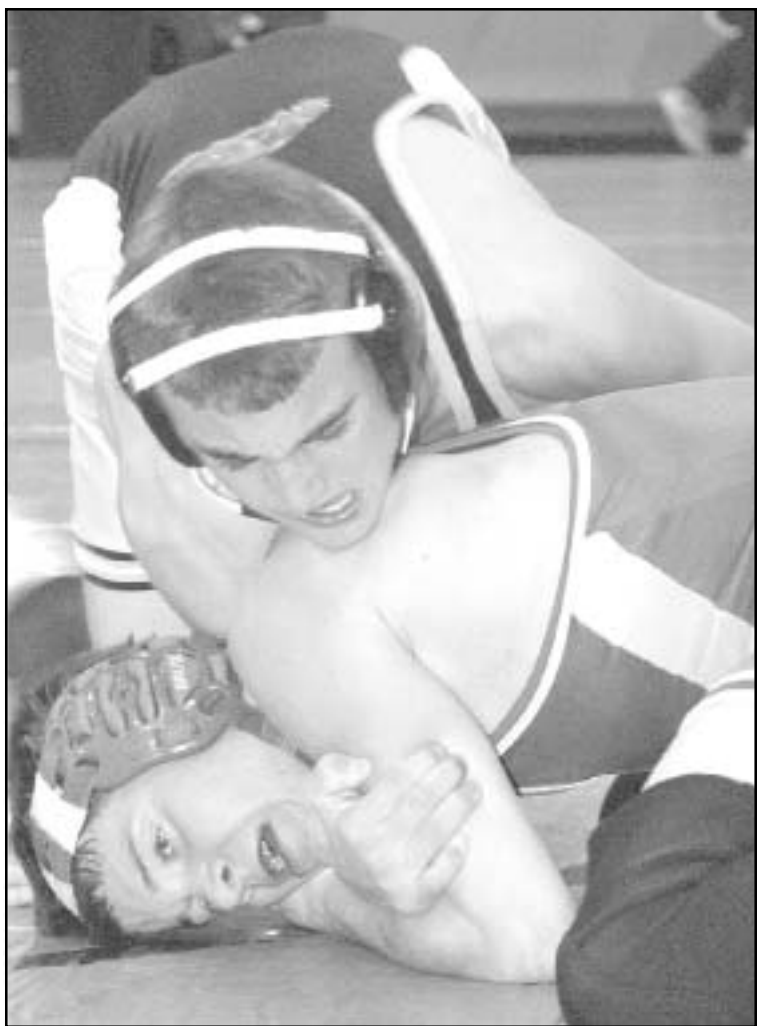
The Holiday Classic is organized for a team championship only, but trophies will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Wrestler, the quickest pinfall, and to any individual wrestler who goes undefeated during the tournament.

The Goodland team finished



Junior Blake Saint (above, top) kept the advantage over an opponent from Atwood last Thursday, eventually, pinning him for the win in the 140-pound class. Goodland defeated Atwood in the dual meet, 56-15. Sophomore Brandon Zelfer (right, top) drove one of his opponents to the mat during a tournament in Burlington on Saturday. Zelfer finished third in the 125-pound class. The Cowboys finished third out of 12 teams.

Photos by Dennis Saint



third at the Burlington tournament last Saturday and senior Blayze Bahe, who won the 119-pound class, was voted the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Three Cowboy wrestlers finished second in their weight class: junior Chad Normandin at 112 pounds, senior Korey Schulte at 145 pounds and junior Brandon Cowan at 189 pounds. Junior Blake Saint finished

third at 140 pounds as did sophomore Brandon Zelfer at 125 pounds.

Freshman Kerek Mason, at 112 pounds, and sophomore Brandon Hatfield, at 145 pounds, finished fourth. Other Goodland wrestlers competing include seniors Brock Whitmore and Mike Zimmerman, junior Tray Klinge, sophomore Brett Lalicker and freshmen Brett

Bahe and Brett Schields.

In junior varsity competition, sophomore Justin Holloway won all three of his matches and freshman Josiah Goodley won all four of his. Freshman Brandon Douglas also wrestled in the junior varsity competition.

"We had some injured kids out," Bahe said. "We had three kids wrestle sick and one was on a col-

lege visit."

Standley Lake High School of Westminster, Colo., won the tournament, with the host school Burlington finishing second. Twelve teams participated.

The Cowboys won their first dual meet of the season last Thursday at Atwood, defeating the Buffaloes 56-15.

Hatfield, Schulte and Saint all

won their matches by pin. Sophomore Chris Baumfalk won a 7-2 decision over his opponent and senior Jordan Bedore won his match 21-6. Atwood forfeited five matches to Goodland, while the cowboys forfeited one to Atwood.

A dual meet at Oberlin scheduled for last Tuesday was postponed until Jan. 29 because of the weather.

Bulldogs will be tough tonight

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The Goodland High School boys basketball team takes a 2-2 record to Quinter tonight for the Northwest Kansas League opener against the Bulldogs.

"Quinter has an excellent team," Coach Jon McLean said. "They have four returning starters from last year who all averaged in double figures scoring. We will have to play well to have a chance to win."

The Bulldogs have seven seniors on this year's roster, including 6'6" center Peter Eikenberry.

The Bulldogs are 5-0 after defeating Grinnell High School 79-42 Tuesday night. Four Quinter players scored in double figures, led by senior Trevor Blackwell with 14 points.

Four Cowboy players have scored over 50 points each in the first four games for the season, led



"I believe in our kids," said McLean. "We have the players to win this tough league contest."

The Cowboys opened their season with a 65-56 win over the Longhorns of Chase County Community High School in Imperial,

Neb. At the Topside Tipoff tournament last weekend, Goodland won its first game against the Burlington Cougars but then lost to McCook 59-56 and Norton 64-58.

"Against McCook, we did not get off to a good start," said McLean. "They were the first team to really get after us defensively. We battled back the whole game and had a chance to win it in the last minute,

but they just made a couple of plays and we didn't."

McLean described Goodland's game against Norton as disappointing. He said the team looked lethargic for the first three periods.

"We were not ready to play, and I guess that is my fault," McLean said. "I was proud of our effort in the fourth quarter when we battled back and cut their lead to two, but we couldn't sustain it."

McLean said he was proud of Herl's performance in that quarter, when he scored 10 of his 23 points, including a successful four-point play with 22 seconds left in the game.

"He really kept us in the game," McLean said.

This will be the last game for the Cowboys before the Christmas break. The game can be heard on KLOE radio (730 AM) starting first with the girls' varsity about 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time).

The next action for the varsity will be Jan. 9 when Goodland hosts the Colby Eagles.

sport shorts

Former Cowboy named Wrestler of the Week

Bryce Abbey, a junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, was named Wrestler of the Week on Tuesday by the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

"Bryce is a tremendous young man and is by far one of the best student-athletes that has ever wrestled for this institution," Coach Marc Bauer said.

Abbey, a 2001 graduate of Goodland High School, is the NCAA Division II's No. 2-ranked wrestler in



Abbey

the nation at 125 pounds. He was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament for the second year in a row at the Runza Loper Open last weekend in Kearney. He went 4-0 at the tournament improving to 16-1 for the season.

"Not only does he get it done on the mat, but he gets it done in the classroom," said Bauer.

Abbey, an exercise science major, was a NCAA Division II first team All-Academic honoree last year with a 3.16 grade point average.

Cowboy turned Maverick wrestles to victory in Iowa

Bryce Bahe, a sophomore at Minnesota State University, Mankato, finished first in the 125-pound weight class Saturday at the Fourth

Annual Mike McCready Open hosted by Upper Iowa University in Fayette.

Bahe won all three of his matches at the tournament and has won seven of his nine matches in December.

"Bryce wrestled very well at Upper Iowa," said Coach Jim Makovsky. "He has wrestled well, and with a great deal of confidence, since dropping down to 125 pounds. He has the potential to be an All-American and a national champion if he continues to progress."

Bahe, the son of Cowboy wrestling coach Randy Bahe and his wife Kathy, graduated from Goodland High in 2002. He wrestled four seasons for the Cowboys.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch

December 17, 2003

L & M Steel over The Western Times 16-4
Basgall Construction tied
Weber Kennels 10-10
Fun & Games over Bowladium Lanes 13-7
Witzel and Rhea Imp. over
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 17-3
MLS, Inc. over The Good, Bad & Ugly 17-3

High Individual Game: John Fixsen 257
High Individual Series: John Fixsen 853

High Team Game: Basgall Construction 633
High Team Series: Fun & Games 2,278

League Standings:

Fun & Games 72.5-27.5
MLS, Inc. 72-28
Bowladium Lanes 66-34
Witzel & Rhea Imp. 59.5-40.5
Weber Kennels 55-45
Basgall Construction 46-54
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 42.5-57.5
L & M Steel 40.5-59.5
The Good, Bad & Ugly 24-76
The Western Times 22-78

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SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Kentucky at Indiana. (Live) (CC)
12:56 ESPN College Basketball Texas at Duke. (Live) (CC)
10:30 13/7 FOX NFL Pre-game (Live) (CC)
11:30 13/7 FOX NFL Football Atlanta Falcons at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. From Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. (Live) (CC)

AFTERNOON

12:00 12/56 ESPN College Basketball Marquette at Wisconsin. (Live) (CC)
1:30 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Volleyball NCAA Tournament Final — Florida or Hawaii vs. Minnesota or USC. From Dallas. (Live) (CC)
2:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Wake Forest at North Carolina. (Live)
3:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Minnesota Vikings. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis. (Live) (CC)
3:30 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Georgia at Texas. (Live) (CC)
4:30 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Michigan State at

UCLA. (Live)

5:30 12/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)

SUNDAY MORNING

11:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at St. Louis Rams. From the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. (Live) (CC)
13/7 FOX NFL Football New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys. From Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Stanford at Texas Tech. (Live)

AFTERNOON

1:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball St. John's at Georgia Tech. (Live)
54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Tennessee at Oklahoma. (Live) (CC)
2:00 13/7 FOX NFL Football Regional Coverage — Arizona Cardinals at Seattle Seahawks or San Francisco 49ers at Philadelphia Eagles. (Live) (CC)
5:00 12/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Atlanta Thrashers. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
5:30 12/56 ESPN NFL Primetime (Live) (CC)



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Goodland High School

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